

What Gifts Will YOU Share?

→QUESTION 1: What shifted in your thinking as a result of what you have learned today?

- Small things make a difference
- Willingness to serve
- Don't need to involve the city to make a difference
- Start with what you have
- Collaboration increases effect
- Look for the need
- A lot more people volunteering and giving back to Carlsbad than originally thought
- It was great to see a fruitful partnership between NGOs and the city's government
- The diverse group of people welcomed to work with the city and their various projects from moms/dads, retirees, young people, teens, etc.
- How these organizations allowed us to start our own projects in our neighborhoods
- Begin doing something, it doesn't have to be "large scale" at first
- Be willing to serve and beware of opportunities. Just do it!
- Affirmation works
- Gifts = smiles, hugs, laughter and handshakes
- Never too early/late to take action
- Start with where you are and what have, not necessary to be a big organization
- Inspired to do something, get going (again 😊 😊)
- Breadth of opportunities available
- Hit in the head with lots of great ideas
- My awareness level was raised at just how many places there are to volunteer!
- Small things count
- Young people really help... if you let them!
- We have what is needed
- Small things (people) connected produces the tidal wave
- Am I putting my energy into what matters?
- We are really inter-connected
- I don't have to re-invent the wheel; I can join in
- Neighborhood self-sustained focus
- Don't worry about it or talk about it, be about it!
- Good ideas about security
- More I can do than I've been doing especially for my neighborhoods
- My impression of high school kids has definitely shifted for the positive



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- Nextdoor seems to be a practical vehicle
- Need MORE of these sessions!!!
- Be involved
- We can start now with what we have
- Learned more about opportunities to get involved!
- We are impressed with the desire to collaborate
- Using existing resources, WHY NOT!
- Less thinking, more doing
- Would like local ability to have wider influence → trickle up thinking
- Small things make a big difference
- Let's rename Carlsbad to Carlsgood!
- More involvement, *"I want to be more involved!"*
- Need more diversity, people of color, to be involved
- Encourages by how many people care and want to be involved
- Community already exists in Carlsbad
- Carlsbad is awesome!
- Younger people are engaged and care!!!
- Think small/start small at to avoid becoming overwhelmed
- You don't have to be part of a big group
- Become a partner, why reinvent the wheel
- Opportunities and mentors are everywhere!
- A lot doesn't get done without volunteer power
- Amazed by the number of people interested
- Impact of social media
- Easier to give than we originally thought
- Fun, enjoyable, new friendship
- Many more opportunities than once imagined
- Start where you are at; it doesn't take a lot to get going
- Donatedontdump.org
- Learned a lot about organizations I had no previous awareness of (i.e. Carlsbad Christmas Bureau)
- Collaboration
- So many available resources, the exhibition area really exposed me to so much info!